Development of Tirupati Devasthanam

996. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to develop Tirupati Devasthanam in Andhra Pradesh as tourism pilgrimage centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Development of tourism pilgrimage centres is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations.

However, during the 10th Five Year Plan, the Department of Tourism, Govt, of India has formulated schemes for Integrated Development of Tourist Centres, Development of Product/Infrastructure & Destination Development and Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects for development of tourism infrastructure in the country. The circuits/ destinations are identified in consultation and interaction with the State Governments/UT Administrations.

All State Governments/UT Administrations including Government of Andhra Pradesh have been requested to submit the proposals under the above mentioned schemes for the financial year 2003-04.

Facelift to the Sun Temple

997. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India proposes to give a facelift to the Sun Temple of Konark in Orissa to woo tourists; and

(b) the kinds of inputs in the form of infra-structural facilities and promotional efforts etc. to achieve the objective?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A development plan has been formulated to provide documentation-cum-cultural information centre, bus/car parking and